

# Abstract Submission

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### O-12-M1: AN EVALUATION OF TIME TO NEXT TREATMENT IN MELFLUFEN AND DEXAMETHASONE-TREATED PATIENTS WITH RELAPSED/REFRACTORY MULTIPLE MYELOMA

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**Does the study abide by applicable national and international regulations and guidelines, including but not limited to ethical committees, data protection and privacy regulations, informed consent and off-label use of drugs?:** Yes

**Background:** Melflufen is a novel peptide-conjugated alkylator potentiated by intracellular aminopeptidases, which are markedly overexpressed in multiple myeloma. Melflufen plus dexamethasone had encouraging activity in patients with relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma and  $\geq 2$  prior lines of therapy in the phase 1/2 O-12-M1 study (overall response rate, 31%; median overall survival, 20.7 months; Richardson et al. ASH 2017. Abs. 3150). Time to next treatment is used in real world evidence to assist treatment decisions and support economic reimbursement modeling.

**Aims:** To present a time to next treatment analysis of melflufen plus low-dose dexamethasone in relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma patients exposed to bortezomib and lenalidomide in O-12-M1 (NCT01897714) and how it compares to recently reported relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma studies.

**Methods:** Patients with relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma and  $\geq 2$  prior lines of therapy, including bortezomib and lenalidomide received 40 mg melflufen intravenously on day 1 of each 28-day cycle plus 40 mg weekly dexamethasone until progressive disease or unacceptable toxicity. Patients were followed up for 2 years after PD, and time to next treatment was retrospectively reviewed for subsequent therapy.

**Results:** As of 9 Nov 2017, 45 patients were treated: median age, 66 years (range, 47-78 years); International Staging System stage II/III, 60%; high-risk cytogenetics, 44%. Patients had 4 median prior lines of therapy; 87% were refractory to last line of therapy including alkylators (24%), proteasome inhibitors (27%), IMiDs (56%), and monoclonal antibodies (9%); 11% were last-line double refractory. At data cutoff, 44 patients (98%) discontinued melflufen plus dexamethasone, mainly due to adverse events (40%) and progressive disease (29%). Twenty-six patients received subsequent therapy. Median time from start of melflufen plus dexamethasone to first subsequent therapy or death, whichever occurred first, (time to next treatment) was 7.9 months (95% CI, 5.7-11.0); next therapy included alkylators (27%), proteasome inhibitors (38%), IMiDs (58%), and monoclonal antibodies (8%).

#### Image/Pictures:

| Drug/study  | Median time to next treatment, months | Reference  |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| Pomalidomide + dexamethasone                                  | 6.2                                   | Rabin et al. IMW 2015                              |
| Carfilzomib-lenalidomide-dexamethasone 2-4 <sup>th</sup> line | 8.9                                   | Chari et al. <i>Blood</i> . 2017; 130:3838         |
| Austrian Real World Evidence 3-4 <sup>th</sup> line           | 7.3                                   | Wittenbacher et al. <i>PLoS</i> . 2016;11:e0147381 |
| Daratumumab median 4 prior lines                              | 5.7                                   | Lakshman et al. <i>Am J Hematol</i> . 2017;92:1146 |
| Melflufen + dexamethasone                                     | 7.9                                   |  |

**Summary/Conclusion:** Types of subsequent salvage therapy used after melflufen plus dexamethasone were similar to studies of approved agents in relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma; time to next treatment was also similar (Table). Further trials are ongoing, including a phase 3 study of melflufen plus dexamethasone vs pomalidomide plus dexamethasone in patients with relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma refractory to lenalidomide (NCT03151811).

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